

Quality First (QF) Decisions/Choices and Policy Implications for SFY14

QF full participation	QF rating only (non Pre-K)	QF full participation and Pre-K scholarships	QF rating only for Pre-K	Expansion Start Up
<b>Components included in cost</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Assessment (through FTF state budget)</li><li>Coaching &amp; QF Academy</li><li>Incentives</li><li>Warm line/helpline</li><li>DHS licensing (through FTF state budget)</li><li>CCHC</li><li>TEACH scholarships (through FTF state budget)</li><li>QF Scholarships</li></ul>	<b>Components included in cost</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>6 month coaching if being rated in the fiscal year</li><li>Assessment</li><li>No costs if already rated and not receiving an assessment in the current fiscal year</li></ul>	<b>Components included in cost</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Assessment (through FTF state budget)</li><li>Coaching &amp; QF Academy</li><li>Incentives</li><li>Warm line/helpline</li><li>DHS licensing (through FTF state budget)</li><li>CCHC</li><li>TEACH scholarships (through FTF state budget)</li><li>QF Scholarships</li><li>Prek Scholarships</li><li>ADE mentoring</li></ul>	<b>Components included in cost</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>No costs if already rated and not receiving an assessment in SFY14</li><li>ADE Mentoring</li><li>Prek Scholarships</li></ul>	<b>Components included in cost</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Funding for equipment and materials</li><li>Coaching / mentoring</li><li>Funding for licensing and/or certification</li><li>Capital and building expenses</li><li>Personnel</li><li>Scholarships if Pre-K children enrolled during school year</li></ul>
<b>Decision points and policy implications for SFY14</b> <p>To maintain current funding levels and providers receiving full participation, add funding and programs, or decrease—available funding may likely be the driver for decisions made in this category</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Regional councils may find that programs rated at a 3 could move from full participation to rating only if they meet the definition for rating only.*</li><li>If a region is funding prek, regional councils may decide to move programs that are rated at a three to rating only with prek scholarships.</li><li>If a region is funding prek in SFY13 and the programs do not receive a 3 star rating, the regional council may move these programs in QF full participation</li></ul>	<b>Decision points and policy implications for SFY14</b> <p>To fund programs as rating only</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Policy for eligible programs is the same as SFY12*</li><li>Regional councils may find that programs rated at a 3 could move from full participation to rating only if they meet the definition for rating only. The policy for rating only (types of program) will remain the same as SFY12.</li></ul>	<b>Decision points and policy implications for SFY14</b> <p>To continue funding levels and programs enrolled in QF full participation receiving QF and Prek Scholarships, to add funding and programs or decrease—available funding may likely be a the driver for decisions made in this category</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>To be eligible for both QF and prek scholarships, programs have to be rated at a 3 at the start of SFY14. If the program is not rated at a 3 then the program is only eligible for QF scholarships</li></ul>	<b>Decision points and policy implications for SFY14</b> <p>To continue funding levels and programs enrolled in rating only and prek scholarships, increase funding levels and programs or decrease</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>To receive prek scholarships programs must have at least a 3 star rating at the beginning of SFY14—the number of eligible programs 9rated at a 3) may not equal the funding level.</li><li>Regional Councils will not be able to fund new programs for rating only and prek scholarships, meaning programs that have not been rated or have not received at least a 3 star rating are not eligible for this category.</li><li>Programs in QF full participation and receiving prek scholarships, and rated at a 3, could be moved to rating only—moved into this category.</li></ul>	<b>Decision points and policy implications for SFY14</b> <p>To expand/increase the availability of child care or preschool slots in remote areas or underserved neighborhoods</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Must allot funding for Quality First, either full participation or rating only with access to either QF Child Care or Pre-Kindergarten Scholarships <b>for the following year, SFY15.</b></li><li>Programs enrolled in the expansion strategy for prek must rate at a 3 at the end of SFY15 to continue prek scholarships in SFY16.</li><li>The expansion strategy is only for programs that meet the criteria for expansion/start up</li></ul>

\* Programs eligible for rating only: limited to programs that typically receive funding to support program operations (i.e. Head Start, Title 1 and IDEA programs) and programs receiving Pre-Kindergarten Scholarships